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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action of October 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel without prejudice Claims 45-46.

Please amend the following claims:

1 29. (Amended) A powder compression molding and assembly system comprising:
2 a rotary disk;
C/3 a plurality of molding units mounted on the rotary disk at spaced circumferential
4 locations, each of said plurality of molding units including a cylindrical die, a lower plunger